

Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



June 5, 2009

Director's Message

Sadly, the NOAA Corps has lost a valued and esteemed member of our Service. The obituary for RADM Holmes is shown here, so you can read his very interesting history. Officers in the area are encouraged to attend the funeral service tomorrow in Virginia Beach, and pay their respects to our fellow officer.

RADM Alfred C. (Bud) Holmes

Retired Rear Admiral NOAA Alfred C. "Bud" Holmes, Director NOAA Atlantic Marine Center, of Virginia Beach, VA, died June 2, 2009, in Virginia Beach, VA.

Born on March 6, 1922 in Portland, Oregon, he joined the Navy in 1942 and became a carrier based torpedo plane pilot in the war in the Pacific. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Air Medal five times, the Presidential Unit Citation, and numerous Area Theater Campaign ribbons.

He graduated from Oregon State University and was selected to join what was then the Commissioned Corps of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, now the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He served many years at sea aboard four of NOAA's hydrographic survey vessels, Command at Sea twice. Ashore, he served three years on field parties conducting Geodetic Triangulation. He was detailed for training one year with the U.S. Air Force where he graduated as Navigator, Bombardier, Radar Operator. He navigated a U.S. Coast Guard aircraft doing aerial photography for Photogrammetric mapping. He became NOAA's first officer to be assigned pilot duties when he flew photo mapping aircraft. He graduated from the U.S. Army's Helicopter training. In addition he flew FAA aircraft for NOAA. He was active in the United States Power Squadron as Past Commander of the Virginia Beach Squadron and Past Commander of District 5. He was a member of Norfolk Rotary Club since 1970 and continued active in all their charitable enterprises.

Survivors include his loving wife, Ingeborg Holmes; daughters, Audrey Lynge, Linda McLoughlin and Melany Selcer; step-son, Michael Brasher; grandchildren, Lisa, Michael Christopher, Anne, and Kathryn; and great-grandchildren, Grace, Sean and Carli.

A memorial service will be held at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Great Neck Chapel on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 11 a.m. His ashes will be spread at sea by NOAA. Donations may be made to Norfolk Rotary Club in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.hollomon-brown.com.



CAPT Raymond C. Slagle, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Constructive Suggestions for the Betterment of NOAA and the Corps

This page allows officers to offer suggestions for the betterment of NOAA and the Corps. Currently, the End-of-Year Service Report (SR) captures this information, but only once a year. By allowing officers to provide suggestions/comments at any time, we hope to be able to address issues in a more timely manner versus simply once a year. This page will allow officers to submit questions/concerns on any topic (i.e., assignments, PCS orders, OERs, etc.) and have them go directly to a designated point of contact. All e-mails will be tracked in a database and posted per topic for all officers to view. This will allow the Commissioned Personnel Center to create a "sounding board" to generate a source of shared information with the entire NOAA Corps. The Suggestions page can be found by logging into OPF online, then selecting "Suggestions" on the left side of the page. The link to this page is:

https://cpc.nmao.noaa.gov/opfonline/pre_suggestions.jsp

Approved Retirements/Resignations/Separations

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see these officers!

ENS Nathan Parker	June 29, 2009
CAPT Emily B. Christman	July 1 2009
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2009
LT Andrew P. Halbach	July 5, 2009
LT Leah A. Harman	August 26, 2009
LCDR Alan C. Hilton	September 1, 2009
LCDR James A. Bunn II	September 1, 2009
LCDR Geoffrey S. Sandorf	December 1, 2009
CAPT Steven R. Barnum	January 1, 2010

On the Horizon

August 31, 2009	Start of A School 115
October 5-9, 2009	Promotion Boards

Please see CPC website for additional information:

Ship Augmentation Needs: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/cpchome/augmentation.html>

Assignments: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/perservices/awards.html>